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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Louis Mervis on the
4 occasion of his retirement from the Provena United Samaritans
5 Medical Center Board of Trustees after 6 years of distinguished
6 service; and

7 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis graduated from Danville High School
8 with the Class of 1952; in 1956, he graduated from Indiana
9 University with a bachelor's degree in business; and

10 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis serves as Chief Executive Officer and
11 President of Mervis Industries, a corporation made up of 17
12 divisions and 11 affiliated companies in the United States and
13 Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis has been an active member of numerous
15 civic and charitable organizations; in 1977, he served as
16 general chairman of the Danville area United Way campaign; he
17 is a past member of the Illinois Human Relations Commission; he
18 is a former chairman of the Illinois Board of the
19 Anti-Defamation League; he served as Director of the Danville
20 Chamber of Commerce; he was a three-term president of
21 Congregation Israel; he served on the Board of Directors of the
22 Danville Little League organization; he was a member of the

1 Schlarman Foundation and the Greater Danville Development
2 Corporation; he was a founding member and past chairman of the
3 Danville Area Economic Development Corporation and was active
4 with the Gifted Children's Program of Vermilion County; he was
5 a member of the Palmer National Bank Board of Directors and the
6 Old National Bancorp Board of Directors; he was also a former
7 president of the Chicago Chapter of the Institute of Scrap
8 Recycling Industries; and

9 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis has been active in State and local
10 government; he was a member of Governor Jim Thompson's
11 final-term transition team and Governor Jim Edgar's first-term
12 transition team; he was a member of the District 118 Board of
13 Education for 6 years, serving as president for 3 of those
14 years; he was a past chairman of the DHS Advisory Council; he
15 also served as chairman of the Danville Zoning and Planning
16 Commissions; and

17 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis was a past chairman and 17-year
18 member of the Illinois State Board of Education; and

19 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis has been the recipient of numerous
20 awards and accolades; in 1966, he was the recipient of the
21 Jaycee Distinguished Service Award; in 1979, he received the
22 "First Citizen Award" from the American Business Club; in 1988,
23 he was the recipient of the first Excellence in Leadership

1 award from Leadership Danville; in 1999, he was the recipient
2 of the Rotary Club's Vocational Service Person of the Year
3 award; and

4 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis and his wife, Sybil, have 5 children
5 and 6 grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Louis Mervis serves as a model of hard work,
7 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
8 Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Louis Mervis on the occasion of his retirement and
12 wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Louis Mervis as a symbol of our esteem and
16 respect.